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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of all claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-17. (canceled)

- 18. (currently amended) A composition comprising:
- a) a substrate comprising an array of <u>working</u> electrodes, wherein each electrode comprises a <u>first</u> binding ligand;
 - b) a plurality of colloids, each comprising:
 - i) a second binding ligand partner; and
 - ii) an electron transfer moiety;
- c) a detector capable of detecting the voltage a voltage associated with electron transfer from said electron transfer moiety.
- 19. (canceled)
- 20. (previously presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein said plurality of colloids further comprise a self-assembled monolayer.
- 21. (previously presented) The composition of claim 20 wherein said self-assembling monolayer comprises an alkyl chain.
- 22. (previously presented) The composition of claim 18 wherein said substrate is a printed circuit board.
- 23. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 18 wherein said electrodes are gold.
- 24. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 18 wherein said electron transfer moiety is a transition metal complex.

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25. (previously presented) The composition according to claim 24 wherein said transition metal complex is ferrocene.

26: (withdrawn) The composition according to claim 18 wherein said ETM is an organic ETM.

27. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 18 wherein said <u>first</u> binding ligand is a first nucleic acid and said <u>second</u> binding ligand partner is a second nucleic acid.

28-37. (canceled)